

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:	Stanislav M. SNAIDR	<b>Atty. Docket No.:</b>	<b>000417.00019</b>
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Title:	CIGARETTE SIDESTREAM SMOKE AND FREE-BURN RATE CONTROL DEVICE		

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Before considering the application, Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendments to the claims as set forth herein, and reconsider the application in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessary to amend the claims and reconsider this application to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

***Amendments to the Claims*** are recited on page 2.

***Remarks*** begin on page 3.